

To the Worthy Electors of EXETER.

GENTLEMEN,

IT must give Concern to all well-meaning Persons, to observe so much public Abuse, and private Scurrility, every where thrown out against one of your worthy Representatives; and chiefly, because he has asserted the Privilege of a free Man in changing his Mind. Was not Mr. BULLER done something very like it? I don't know, however, that it is necessary to give a Reason for so doing; but if it is, I would only beg you to consider when Mr. BARING sent his Letter to the Mayor, to tell you that it was *impossible* for him to attend *your* Concerns, having so many of *his own* to look after, whether there was the least Idea existing of a new Election. At that Time, to be sure, he wished to have nothing more to do with you, but we are now probably at the Eve of a Dissolution, which quite alters the Case, and will no Doubt afford him *sufficient Leisure*, to manage *all your Interests*, without neglecting either *himself* or his *Relations*, who, as you have been recently informed by a very sensible judicious Writer and Apologist, have an undoubted Right "to avail themselves as Merchants of the advantageous Occurrences of their Business."

Some People affect to doubt the Truth of Mr. BARING's Assertion, that he is called forth by a *Number of respectable Gentlemen*. There are Sceptics in Politicks, as well as Religion; or could any one now be really absurd enough to deny, that *Half a Dozen* is not a *Number*. Are not all Voters of course *Gentlemen*? Are they ever addressed by any other Title? And pray, is not every Gentleman *respectable*? Away then with such idle cavilling.

He is found Fault with, for constantly supporting the American War, and Lord North's Administration. Do I not express myself too mildly in saying, that this is neither fair nor candid; when it is *notorious* he actually gave *two* Votes against them, just before they were turned out. And suppose it was understood, that they could not hold together, I don't see how that in the least takes away from his Merit: For what sensible Man would support a falling House, when, by so doing, it might crush him to Atoms? No one can justly accuse Mr. BARING of not uniformly supporting Lord Rockingham's Ministry; and did he not do the same by Lord Shelburne's? Can it be supposed that such steady patriotic Conduct should not entitle him to some Rewards? Yet he disdained to accept them himself, and gave *all* the lucrative Emoluments to his Partners.—It is true, indeed, Contractors are excluded a Seat in Parliament. But what is it to the Public, whether they keep the *Profits* to themselves, or return a valuable Consideration. Is it not the Duty of every prudent Man to do the best he can for his own Family? Are there any among the *venerable*, the *opulent*, and the *respectable* Part of those worthy Electors, who mean to stand forth on a proper Occasion in Support of *his Rights*, that would not do exactly the same thing?

Mr. BARING again has been charged with endeavouring to clog the Wheels of Government. But I defy the utmost Malice to prove, that he was an Enemy either in Thought, Word, or Deed, to the Coalition. Had he ever any Objection to the *late* Ministry? Does he not support the present? And can any one pretend to say, he will not give his best Assistance to the *next*?

How scandalous therefore is it to calumniate a Gentleman who always has, and no Doubt always will be, ready to support *every Administration*, upon the most *independent Principles*, without Favour or Affection, Fee or Reward. Rouze then, I may well say, my Fellow Citizens, and shew the World, that you are determined, whatever may be the Consequence, to give your Votes and Interest for the

Man after your own Heart,